



# *Commencement*

*Winter 2008*

# *fifty-first Commencement*

*10:00 a.m. • Saturday • December 13, 2008*

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Elgar  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

Invocation ..... Dr. Delores Honey  
*Assistant Vice President, Assessment and Institutional Research, Missouri Southern State University*

Welcome and Introductions ..... Dr. Bruce Speck  
*President, Missouri Southern State University*

Address ..... Ms. Jane Wyman  
*Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors (1996-2001, 2003-2008)*

Presentation of Class ..... Dr. John Messick  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University*

Conferring of Degrees ..... Dr. Bruce Speck

## ***Presentation of Diplomas***

Congratulatory Remarks ..... Dr. Carla Huntington  
*Faculty Senate President, Missouri Southern State University*

Announcement of Academic Honors ..... Dr. Bruce Speck

Turning of the Tassel ..... Ms. Jenny Richards, '86  
*President, Missouri Southern Alumni Board*

Service Recognition ..... Mr. Dwight Douglas  
*Chair, Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors*

MSSU Alma Mater (*See Page 11*) ..... Mr. Aaron Decker  
*Graduating Senior, Vocal Music Education, Neosho*

Benediction ..... Dr. Delores Honey

Recessional "Sine Nomine" ..... R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

Sign Language Interpreter ..... Mrs. Mary Zustiak

*Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones.*



## Missouri Southern State University Commencement Speaker

Jane Wyman has a long history of leadership and service to Missouri Southern State University. She is an attorney in Joplin and served as a member of the Board of Regents from 1996 to 2001. In 2001 she was appointed to a new judgeship in Jasper County by Gov. Bob Holden, which required her to step down from her position on the Board. After leaving her judgeship, Gov. Holden reappointed Ms. Wyman to the University's Board of Governors in 2003. She completed her second term in August.

She is a former assistant prosecuting attorney for Jasper County and Associate Circuit Judge. She earned an undergraduate degree from Missouri Southern and received her law degree from the University of Tulsa.

She is a member of the Jasper County Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Jasper County Association for Social Services, Inc.

# *Candidates for Honors & Degrees*

## *Baccalaureate Degrees*

### *Summa Cum Laude*

*Grade point average 3.90 or above*

Adams, Brittany  
Bergen, Stephenie ‡  
Blystone, Freddie  
Brown, Amanda

Ensor, Julie  
Epperson, Carol  
Frerer, Dara  
Huddeston, Holly

Jones, Scarlet ‡  
Lahm, Derek  
Neuenschwander, Autumn  
Oxendine, Lauren †

Prestridge, Amanda  
Saylor, Kamie  
Soper, Megan  
Todd, Keith

### *Magna Cum Laude*

*Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89*

Bado, Colin  
Brockman, Esther  
Clawson, Shawna

Davis, Amy  
Duncan, Amber  
Gray, Jennifer

Guthrie, Cathy  
Lowry, Carolyn  
Morris, Jamie

Reed, Jenna  
Stidham, Stephanie

### *Cum Laude*

*Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79*

Berger, Carroll  
Carney, Amanda  
Davis, Brandie

Dodge, Charles  
Hayes, Lindsey  
Kartchner, Colleen

Lipscomb, Robert  
Noll, Henry  
Shirley, Darin

Smith, Jeffrey  
Wade, Karen  
Willis, Corrie

## *Associate Degrees*

### **Second Honors**

*Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89*

Schutterle, Casey

### **Third Honors**

*Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79*

Overton, Donna

# School of Arts & Sciences

## Bachelor of Arts

<b>Ammons, Joshua Samuel</b> <i>English</i> Joplin	<b>Ensor, Julie Marie</b> <i>German</i> Joplin	<b>Meeker, Bethany M.</b> <i>English</i> Joplin	<b>Oxendine, Lauren Elizabeth †</b> <i>International Studies</i> Joplin
<b>Ballew, David Michael</b> <i>English</i> Carthage	<b>Frerer, Dara Lyssa</b> <i>Communication</i> Joplin	<b>Michaud, Briana Estelle *</b> <i>Communication</i> Webb City	<b>Pryor, Lucas Bryan</b> <i>Sociology</i> Joplin
<b>Bergen, Stephenie Rhema ‡</b> <i>Spanish</i> Carthage	<b>Hancock, Nicholaus Adam</b> <i>Political Science</i> Walnut Grove	<b>Morgan, Travis Floyd</b> <i>International Studies</i> Joplin	<b>Schuster, Heather Lynn</b> <i>English</i> Joplin
<b>Boman-Garbet, Charles Melvin Aaron</b> <i>History</i> Granby	<b>Johnston, Karley Jo</b> <i>Art</i> Lamar	<b>Natividad IV, Albert C.</b> <i>Communication</i> Joplin	<b>Silvey, Carol Elaine</b> <i>History</i> Duenweg
<b>Dodge, Charles Joseph</b> <i>Art</i> Garden City, KS	<b>Kastler, Kyle Alan</b> <i>Spanish</i> Altamont, KS	<b>Noll, Henry Tyler</b> <i>International Studies</i> Joplin	<b>Warren, Whitney Nicole</b> <i>Communication</i> Joplin
<b>Duncan, Amber Nicole</b> <i>English</i> Joplin	<b>Klinginsmith, Jill Suzanne</b> <i>Political Science</i> Carthage	<b>Overstreet, Denise L.</b> <i>English</i> Lamar	<b>Whetstone, Paul David</b> <i>Music</i> Joplin
<b>Eidson, Austin C.</b> <i>Art</i> Joplin			

## Bachelor of Science

<b>Adamson, Casondra Marie</b> <i>Biology</i> Joplin	<b>Burns, Daniel Wayne</b> <i>Environmental Health</i> Joplin	<b>Hancock, Nicholaus Adam</b> <i>Political Science</i> Walnut Grove	<b>Obermann, Brian Glenn</b> <i>Environmental Health</i> Monett
<b>Aleshire, Chase Andrew</b> <i>Mathematics</i> Joplin	<b>Burrow, Whittney Nicole</b> <i>Sociology</i> Webb City	<b>Lewis, John Andrew</b> <i>Environmental Health</i> Joplin	<b>Parker, Scott David</b> <i>Communication</i> Webb City
<b>Anderson, Adree Nicole</b> <i>Biology, Environmental Health</i> Joplin	<b>Butler, Sara Ann</b> <i>Sociology</i> Joplin	<b>Lindsey, Taylor W.</b> <i>Biology</i> Seneca	<b>Pryor, Lucas Bryan</b> <i>Sociology</i> Joplin
<b>Bettels, Adam Michael</b> <i>Biology</i> Butler	<b>Canada, Monique Sharae</b> <i>Biology</i> St. Peters	<b>Monroe-Cope, Erica D.</b> <i>Sociology</i> Joplin	<b>Rogers, Marc Richard</b> <i>Biology</i> Lebo, KS

**Simek III, Leonard F.**  
*Biochemistry*  
Joplin

**Thompson, Lesley Lenn**  
*Biology*  
Galena, KS

**Williams, Lisa Jean**  
*Sociology*  
Rich Hill

**Williams, Tiffany Tierra**  
*Sociology*  
Belton

# *School of Business Administration*

## *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*

**Alexander, Bruce Eric**  
*Marketing*  
Owasso, OK

**Carden, Stephanie Renae**  
*Marketing*  
Joplin

**Dotterer, David Joseph**  
*Accounting*  
Jasper

**Grove, Sean Terrell**  
*International Business*  
Joplin

**Bado, Colin Ryder**  
*Marketing*  
McKinney, TX

**Chandler, Kady Ryan**  
*General Business*  
Reeds

**Earhart, Tatiana Lisette**  
*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Guthrie, Cathy L.**  
*Accounting*  
Grove, OK

**Banks, Jacquline D.**  
*Management*  
Fairview

**Cook, Jordan Michael**  
*Accounting*  
Shawnee, KS

**Eckerman, Joshua Travis**  
*Accounting*  
Webb City

**Gutierrez, Luis Alfonso Luna**  
*Finance/Economics*  
Carthage

**Bentley, Lisa LeAnn**  
*Accounting*  
Carthage

**Cotton, Evie Belinda**  
*Management*  
Joplin

**Elsey, Amanda Rachelle**  
*Accounting*  
Verona

**Hall, Michelle Marie**  
*General Business*  
Lee's Summit

**Blystone, Freddie Lee**  
*Accounting*  
Webb City

**Cox, Amy Elizabeth**  
*Marketing*  
Joplin

**Evans, Cassidee Rochelle**  
*Marketing*  
Joplin

**Hay, Sherrann Marie**  
*General Business*  
Republic

**Bradley, Jacquelyn Marie**  
*Management*  
Joplin

**Cummings, Dawnelle Nicole**  
*Management*  
Carl Junction

**Farran, Kerry Elizabeth**  
*Management*  
Joplin

**Hembree, Sherry JoAnn**  
*General Business*  
Joplin

**Brewer, Melanie Renee**  
*Management*  
Carl Junction

**Daniels, Ashley Brooke**  
*Marketing*  
Webb City

**Galloup, Anya Lorraine**  
*Management*  
Joplin

**Horine, Christopher Loren**  
*Management*  
Odessa, TX

**Brown, Amanda Leigh**  
*General Business*  
Diamond

**Daulton, Brandy Kay**  
*Accounting*  
Grove, OK

**Goth, Anderson Callaway**  
*Accounting*  
Clinton

**Huddleston, Holly Jean**  
*General Business*  
Springfield

**Buckley, Amanda Rose**  
*Management*  
Valencia, CA

**Davis, Brandie A.**  
*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Green, Victoria Lynn**  
*Accounting*  
Nevada

**Hutchings, Phillip Brandon**  
*Accounting*  
Greenwood

**Bunn, Alesha Lorene**  
*Accounting*  
Altamont, KS

**De Freitas, Vedita Delcion**  
*Management, Finance/Economics*  
Joplin

**Gronewold, Elizabeth Marie**  
*Management*  
Joplin

**Kelley, Jason Ray**  
*Management*  
Carl Junction

<b>Kim, Mi-ryeong</b> <i>International Business</i> South Korea	<b>Nicholson, Matthew Thomas</b> <i>Marketing</i> Joplin	<b>Schnedler, Jessica Laine</b> <i>Management</i> Leawood, KS	<b>Stidham, Stephanie Marie</b> <i>Accounting</i> Carterville
<b>Lahr Joseph James Earl</b> <i>Marketing</i> Washburn	<b>Osborn, Linsey Rachelle</b> <i>General Business</i> Kaiser	<b>Schutzenhofer, Daniel Albert</b> <b>Walter</b> <i>International Business, Marketing</i> Lamar	<b>Taylor, Krystal Hope</b> <i>Finance/Economics</i> Traverse City, MI
<b>Lawrence, Cameron Ross</b> <i>Marketing</i> Joplin	<b>Peirick, Keith William</b> <i>Accounting, Management</i> Beaufort	<b>Scott, Cynthia Louise</b> <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	<b>Tidwell, Joe Nathan</b> <i>Marketing</i> Euless, TX
<b>Lipscomb, Robert Tyler</b> <i>Management</i> Carthage	<b>Pinta, Daniel Charles</b> <i>Management</i> Carl Junction	<b>Sento, Kayoko</b> <i>International Business</i> Agawa-gun Kochi, Japan	<b>Timi, Jeremy Dustin</b> <i>General Business</i> Joplin
<b>Lowry, Carolyn L.</b> <i>Marketing</i> Carl Junction	<b>Rhoads, Crystal Lynn</b> <i>Marketing</i> Kansas City	<b>Sheafer, Luke Anthony</b> <i>Marketing</i> De Soto, KS	<b>West, Jeremiah Ray</b> <i>Management</i> Carthage
<b>Maggard, Adam Joseph</b> <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	<b>Robinson, David Bret</b> <i>Accounting</i> Mt. Vernon	<b>Singh, Robert Joseph</b> <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	<b>Westphal, Angela Naomi</b> <i>Marketing</i> Skiatook, OK
<b>Martinson, Lora de Ann Kathleen</b> <i>Management</i> Monett	<b>Robinson, Justin Michael</b> <i>Marketing</i> Joplin	<b>Smith, Jeffrey Ross</b> <i>Management</i> Joplin	<b>Williams, Christopher M.</b> <i>Management</i> Joplin
<b>McLean, Coloma A.C.</b> <i>Finance/Economics</i> Tortola, BVI	<b>Russell, Charles Lynn</b> <i>Management</i> Neosho	<b>Snyder, Jason W.</b> <i>Marketing</i> Joplin	<b>Woods, Stephanie Renee</b> <i>Management</i> Monett
<b>Moorehouse, Brock Allen</b> <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	<b>Ryan, Diana K.</b> <i>General Business</i> Webb City	<b>Stebbins, Candace Lorinda</b> <i>General Business</i> Diamond	
<b>Newman, Ronell L.</b> <i>General Business</i> Raytown			

## Bachelor of Science

**Russell, Charles Lynn**  
*Management Technology*  
Neosho

# School of Education

## Bachelor of Arts

**Rader, Tabatha Jean**  
Psychology  
Webb City

**Saylor, Kamie Rochelle**  
Psychology  
Carthage

**Shirley, Darin Lee**  
Psychology  
Joplin

## Bachelor of Science

**Baker, Courtney Monique**  
Psychology  
Kansas City

**Clark, Grant Lee**  
Health Promotion & Wellness  
Joplin

**Ford, Stephanie Kathryn**  
Psychology  
Neosho

**Self, Jessica Meagan**  
Health Promotion & Wellness  
Neosho

**Ballmer, Peggy Ann**  
Psychology  
Joplin

**Clawson, Shawna Suzanne**  
Psychology  
Neosho

**Gilmore, Alisha LuAnn**  
Psychology  
Baxter Springs, KS

**Shumaker, Dustin Eugene**  
Psychology  
Osceola

**Berger, Caroll P.**  
Psychology  
Joplin

**Edwards, Leticia Marie**  
Psychology  
Carl Junction

**Gullett, Craig William**  
Health Promotion & Wellness  
Carl Junction

**Wade, Karen Ann**  
Psychology  
Mount Vernon

**Brundige, Melissa Ann**  
Psychology  
Nevada

## Bachelor of Science in Education

**Adams, Brittany Nicole**  
Business Education  
Webb City

**Carney, Amanda Beth**  
English Education  
Rogers, AR

**Donaldson, Matthew Scott**  
Business Education  
Galena, KS

**Evans, Tracy Ranee**  
English Education  
Carterville

**Bennett, Gary D.**  
Social Science /History Education  
Goodman

**Carper, Samuel J.**  
Elementary Education  
Grove, OK

**Douthit, Jilliam Erin Lyne**  
Elementary Education  
Wyandotte, OK

**Forst, Stacia Dawnelle**  
English Education  
Lamar

**Branstetter, Chris Lee**  
Physical Education  
Purdy

**Cassatt, Hilary Renee**  
Elementary Education  
Webb City

**Dunham, Patricia L.**  
Elementary Education  
Carthage

**Frencken, Megan \***  
Elementary Education  
Neosho

**Brown, Katelyn Elizabeth**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Davis, Amy Ellen**  
Physical Education  
Fenton

**England, Kaitlyn Ruth**  
Elementary Education  
Libby, MT

**Garnett, Thane Thomas**  
Math Education  
Duenweg

**Calven, Anna R.**  
Elementary Education  
Valley Center, KS

**Decker, Aaron Russell**  
Music Education  
Neosho

**Epperson, Carol Ann**  
Elementary Education  
Southwest City

**Gragg, Mikel William**  
Physical Education K-12  
Nevada

<b>Gray, Jennifer Marie</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Joplin	<b>McCluskey, Ryan *</b> <i>Biology/Unified Science Education</i> Moberly	<b>Prestridge, Amanda Marie</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Skiatook, OK	<b>Tuck, Nick Adam</b> <i>Physical Education</i> Lamar
<b>Hayes, Lindsey Joell</b> <i>Physical Education</i> Carl Junction	<b>McFadden, Rachel *</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Joplin	<b>Reed, Jenna Zay</b> <i>Business Education</i> Altamont, KS	<b>Vaughn, Angela RaChel</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Golden City
<b>Jones, Scarlet ‡</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Carthage	<b>Mendez, Diana Jasmin</b> <i>Spanish Education</i> Neosho	<b>Roper, Ashley Janelle</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Caney, KS	<b>Willis, Corrie Dawn</b> <i>Business Education</i> Neosho
<b>Kartchner, Colleen Holt</b> <i>Speech and Theatre Education</i> Carl Junction	<b>Moreland, Vanessa Lyn</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Neosho	<b>Ross, Jamie Leigh</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Joplin	<b>Woolard, Ryan Adam</b> <i>Physical Education</i> Stella
<b>Kohley, Christina Ann</b> <i>Middle School Education</i> Sandia, TX	<b>Morris, Jamie Lynn</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Joplin	<b>Schroeder, Kimberly Jean</b> <i>Business Education</i> Monett	<b>Wooldridge, Katherine J.</b> <i>Music Education</i> Carthage
<b>Lahm, Derek Jacob</b> <i>Social Science/History Education</i> Carl Junction	<b>Neuenschwander, Autumn Marie</b> <i>Art Education</i> Joplin	<b>Sewell, Jennifer Rae</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Webb City	<b>Wynn, Tawana Garrison</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Carthage
<b>Littlefield, Amanda *</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Stella	<b>Patterson, Janice Louise</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Granby	<b>Soper, Megan Sue</b> <i>English Education</i> Carthage	<b>Younger, Deanna Marie</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Oronogo
<b>Lowry, Jessica Dawn</b> <i>English Education</i> Joplin	<b>Patterson, Melissa Logan</b> <i>Social Studies Education</i> Joplin	<b>Tilton, Arieanna Len</b> <i>Elementary Education</i> Carthage	
<b>Loyd, Donna Louise</b> <i>Physical Education</i> Joplin	<b>Perry, Rachel Janel</b> <i>English Education</i> Corbin, KY	<b>Todd, Keith Joshua Lee</b> <i>History Education</i> Huntsville, AR	

# *School of Technology*

## *Bachelor of Science*

<b>Arjona, Tiffanie Laray</b> <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Aurora	<b>Blanchard, Nathan Jay</b> <i>Computer Information Science</i> Lamar	<b>Brenner, Misty Dawn</b> <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Del City, OK	<b>Bull, Ansley R.</b> <i>Health Science</i> Joplin
<b>Bekas, Dayna Lynn</b> <i>Health Science</i> Monett	<b>Braun, Jessica Diane</b> <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Nevada	<b>Brown, Anna Marie</b> <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Springfield	<b>Burleson, Starr Marie</b> <i>Health Science</i> Duenweg

<b>Cook, Jordan Michael</b> Criminal Justice Administration Shawnee, KS	<b>Jones, Keven Shane</b> Criminal Justice Administration Neosho	<b>Osburn, Dustin Kelly</b> Criminal Justice Administration Neodesha, KS	<b>Smith, Shanica Laurrata</b> Computer Information Science, Criminal Justice Administration Road Town, Tortola, BVI
<b>Cooper, Andrew Wynton</b> Criminal Justice Administration Springfield	<b>Keys, Tasha Lashun</b> Health Science Laurel, MS	<b>Redmond, Darrell Lamont</b> Criminal Justice Administration Phoenix, AZ	<b>Spinks, Robert Vernon</b> Criminal Justice Administration Hacienda Heights, CA
<b>Davis, William Eric</b> Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	<b>Lehman, Brittanii J.</b> Health Science Carl Junction	<b>Robbins, Abby Leigh</b> Criminal Justice Administration Juvenile Justice Ozark	<b>Stewart, Mechelle Lynne</b> Criminal Justice Administration Carl Junction
<b>Deras, Luke Francis</b> Criminal Justice Administration Webb City	<b>Loomis, Chris Scott</b> Criminal Justice Administration Computer Information Science Joplin	<b>Rosenbohm, Mary Kathryn</b> Computer Information Science Joplin	<b>Tittle, J. Ellis</b> Criminal Justice Administration Eldorado Springs
<b>Ebersold, Arica Joan</b> Criminal Justice Administration Chicago, IL	<b>Messner, Susan Joy</b> Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	<b>Roux, Evan D.</b> Criminal Justice Administration Carthage	<b>Wallace, Crystal M.</b> Criminal Justice Administration Wyandotte, OK
<b>Farrar, Lindsay Faye</b> Criminal Justice Administration Steelville	<b>Miles, Edward D.</b> Criminal Justice Administration Dallas, TX	<b>Schermacher, Jessica Lynn</b> Criminal Justice Administration Siloam Springs, AR	<b>Wescott, Brock Allen</b> Criminal Justice Administration Carthage
<b>Flory, Daniel Jim</b> Computer Information Science Joplin	<b>Mobley, Betty Sue</b> Criminal Justice Administration Webb City	<b>Selsor, Derek Robery</b> Criminal Justice Administration Nevada	<b>Wickstrom, Emily Kate</b> Criminal Justice Administration Joplin
<b>Fry, Elizabeth Arlene</b> Criminal Justice Administration Duenweg	<b>Montgomery, Kima L.</b> Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	<b>Senkle, Lisa Marie</b> Criminal Justice Administration Tracy, CA	<b>Wright, George Blake</b> Criminal Justice Administration Conway, AR
<b>Garcia, Megan Louise</b> Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	<b>Musgrave, Tracey Ann</b> Criminal Justice Administration Neosho	<b>Smith, Erin Heather</b> Health Science Miami, OK	
<b>Gilliam, Brittany Lea</b> Health Science Joplin	<b>Nelson, Erla Marie</b> Criminal Justice Administration Waldron, AR		

## Bachelor of General Studies

<b>Brockman, Esther Wineva</b> General Studies Washington	<b>Dogotch, Kandi Danielle</b> General Studies Joplin	<b>Harden, Madison Rachelle</b> General Studies Baxter Springs, KS	<b>Hill, Natalie Ann</b> General Studies Carthage
<b>Daulton, Chelsie Danielle</b> General Studies Osceola	<b>Dowden, Phillip John</b> General Studies Cabool	<b>Hermann, Jennifer Nicole</b> General Studies Duenweg	<b>Hines, Michael A. **</b> General Studies Miami, FL
<b>Dodson, Sherry D.</b> General Studies Sedalia	<b>Elsten, Justin Tye</b> General Studies Carl Junction	<b>Higdon, Christina Lynne</b> General Studies Joplin	<b>Hoyt, Crystal N.</b> General Studies Joplin

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

\*May '09 Graduate   \*\*July '08 Graduate

**Krebs, Christopher Dean**  
*General Studies*  
Mt. Vernon

**Lawson, Cheryl Anne**  
*General Studies*  
Neosho

**Leggett, Victoria Rae**  
*General Studies*  
Joplin

**McMillian, Garen D.**  
*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Piontek, Ashley Renee**  
*General Studies*  
St. Clair

**Shriver, Susan D.**  
*General Studies*  
Webb City

**Stoessel, Neil J.**  
*General Studies*  
Papillion, NE

**Thomas, Chaunte Felicia**  
*General Studies*  
Joplin

**Tyler, Kaney N.**  
*General Studies*  
Lawrence, KS

**Van Dyke, Nicholas Alan**  
*General Studies*  
St. Joseph

**Wooden, Angela V.**  
*General Studies*  
Joplin

## *Associate of Science*

**Aquino, Eunice L.**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Joplin

**Arjona, Tiffanie Laray**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Aurora

**Blackwell, Angela Marie**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Lamar

**Blanchard, Nathan Jay**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Lamar

**Braun, Jessica Diane**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Nevada

**Brenner, Misty Dawn**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Del City, OK

**Cook, Jordan Michael**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Shawnee, KS

**Cooper, Andrew Wynton**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Springfield

**Cox, Nathan Cole**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin

**Cuthbert, Teresa Lynn**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Joplin

**Davis, William Eric**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Joplin

**Deras, Luke Francis**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Webb City

**Ebersold, Arica Joan**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Chicago, IL

**Flory, Daniel Jim**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin

**Garcia, Megan Louise**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Joplin

**Gerbitz, Satia LeAnn**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Joplin

**Hembree, Faron Wess**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Seneca

**Holloway, Casey Lee**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Mt. Vernon

**Jones, Keven Shane**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Neosho

**Link, Brandy Michelle**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Webb City

**Nelson, Erla Marie**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Waldron, AR

**Overton, Donna Lynn**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Neosho

**Prudlick, Derek Joseph**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Baxter Springs, KS

**Redmond, Darrell Lamont**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Phoenix, AZ

**Robbins, Abby Leigh**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Ozark

**Roux, Evan D.**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Carthage

**Schermacher, Jessica Lynn**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Siloam Springs, AR

**Schutterle, Casey Lee**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Webb City

**Selsor, Derek Robert**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Nevada

**Senkle, Lisa Marie**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Tracy, CA

**Spinks, Robert Vernon**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Hacienda Heights, CA

**Stewart, Mechelle Lynne**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Carl Junction

**Tittle, J. Ellis**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Eldorado Springs

**Uto, Chareese Lynn**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Joplin

**Wallace, Crystal M.**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Wyandotte, OK

**Wescott, Brock Allen**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Carthage

**Wilkinson, Mary Wyvette**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Lockwood

**Wilkinson, Whitney Leigh**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Fulton, KS

**Wilson, Melinda Rene**  
*Respiratory Therapy*  
Grove, OK

# ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,  
Class of '39

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Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

# *Academic Attire*

**A**s early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods awarded in Missouri Southern ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts
Crimson:	Journalism
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Golden Yellow:	Science
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Pink:	Music
Purple:	Law
Sage Green:	Physical Education
Scarlet:	Theology
White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy